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HONGKONG, 29TH APRIL, 1904

ONLY the other day, and then in a way incidentally, we alluded to the Protocol of 1901 and the manner in which one of its chief stipulations—that providing for the proper administration of the Harbour Dues—had been silently permitted to fall into oblivion through the benumbing action of that most deadly of soporifics, "International Concord." It is only right to add that there is one point on which there has been no paralysis, and in regard to which the "Concord" has shown itself indeed very much alive. We, of course, allude to the penalties demanded from China in part payment for the damages to life and property caused through the crazy escapade of the Empress Tsz-hi, who had usurped, without the requisite strength to control her ticklish steed, the reins of government. Wise in its generation, the Concord had assessed the damages at £27,500,000 sterling, but had so manoeuvred the incidence that, while the crime to be punished had been committed by Peking acting under the inspiration of the Dowager Empress and her satellites, the indemnity to be exacted was carefully saddled on the provinces, who had taken no part whatever in the émeute, and even beyond this had taken active steps to preserve the peace of the

Empire. Stranger still was the allocation of the penalties, which for the most part were to be applied in an exactly reversed proportion to the losses undergone by the several members of the Accord. A table of percentages will be interesting, as while the other parts of the Protocol were given wide publicity, this, which in in the clue it gave to what was really the ruling feature of the Concord, has been steadily suppressed, even by those whose apparent interest it was to have the miscarriage of justice publicly exposed. The following were the percentage rates which each of the Powers forming the Concord were to receive:—

Russia ...	28.97
Germany ...	20.02
France ...	15.75
Great Britain ...	11.03
Japan ...	7.73
United States ...	7.32
Italy ...	5.91
Belgium ...	1.89
The Rest ...	1.38

Actually the amount of Russia's claim was in sterling £20,008,116 12s. 11d. Germany's of nearly fourteen million making a bad second. As this was a matter of entente it was held on the part of the other Powers to be "bad form" to ask any questions. The use made of these pretended indemnities has become matter of history. While the greater number of the Powers proceeded to divide the amounts amongst those who had been the actual sufferers, these two proceeded to use the indemnities in still further weakening China. Russia on the security of the capitalised amount at once raised a loan of some fifteen millions sterling, which she applied to warlike preparations in Manchuria, under the false pretence of safeguarding her new railway; while Germany, whose credit in financial quarters was better, did not have formally to pledge the amount, but nevertheless made use of the windfall in still further pushing her interests in Shantung. Regarding Russia's action in the settlement a writer in reviewing a couple of months after its close the events of the year 1901 made the following remarks. Russia had been using her influence in the Accord to screen the worst of the conspirators in the Palace Intrigue: "Russia's action took, however, a much more offensive tone; she practically forbade others to demand the punishment of Tsan. The extraordinary thing about all these pretences of Russia is not so much their extraordinary and unprecedented nature, as that the Powers concerned permitted this language to be made use of to them. Had Russia been warned off the premises when these rudenesses commenced, and the insolent demands of her representatives been treated with the contempt they deserved, we should have heard nothing more of these pretences." Unfortunately Britain, in her weak but honest desire to have in the supposed interests of peace some settlement arrived at, took of all others the course most especially fitted to hasten the inevitable war by conniving at these glaring and inconsistent exactions. The subsequent course of events has proved, what at the time was shrewdly suspected, and what ought to have been perfectly well known to the British Government, that Russia, so far from being entitled to the countenance of the other Powers, had actually been herself the first and main instigator of the Palace Plot, and had actually gone so far as to promise to Li Hung-chang and his mistress immunity in case of their expelling the British Minister from Peking. Li was too cautious in his methods, and was quietly shelved by the more treacherous actors in the Plot, which eventually fell into the hands of bunglers like Yung-lu and Tung-fu-hsiang who made the mistake of rousing a general anti-foreign campaign in which Russia was included, and against which Russia was ostensibly bound to act, while secretly screening the chief conspirators from the punishment due to their deserts. It was for this service, and not for any pretended wrong suffered by herself, that Russia demanded her twenty million pounds; and the attempt to blink this fact, disgraceful as it was to British honour and British prudence, has more than anything else contributed to the loss of British prestige in the Far East; which in turn, by paralysing her best meant efforts, now unfortunately too late, to bring about more wholesome conditions, has rendered necessary the present war. In it, it is hardly necessary to add the honours are not Britain's, and we hope the lesson of our previous diplomatic blunder will not result in our again tying our hands in the entangling meshes of another pretended "Concord." Unfortunately, judging from recent utterances both on the Continent and at home, the warning is more than ever necessary.

It was sixteen years ago yesterday since an Imperial Japanese Decree constituted a Privy Council for that country.

We are requested to state that the auction sale of furniture belonging to Captain Simpson by Messrs. Hughes and Hough will take place at No. 3 Cameron Villas, Peak, to-day at 11 a.m. instead of 11.30 a.m. as previously advertised.

To-day is a Portuguese national fête day, known as the "Juramento da Carta Constitucional." As there are two Portuguese warships now in the harbour it is probable that the anniversary will be fittingly commemorated.

The Viceroy of Szechuan has strongly advised the Wu-wu-pu not to grant a concession to any foreign corporation for the construction of the proposed railway from Szechuan to Hankow. The Viceroy recommends that the line, which would prove of great importance, should be built with Chinese capital, and suggests that the Government should provide some part of the money. The cost of the line has been estimated at 20,000,000 taels.

When the late Sir Edwin Arnold said that he had composed *The Light of Asia* "in the brief intervals of days without leisure," he hardly did justice to the curious feat he really performed in reeling off all that blank verse *ex tempore*. The poem was actually improvised when Sir Edwin, after a hard day's journalistic work, rested on the sofa evening by evening and dictated to his wife. This was his second wife, an American lady, granddaughter of Dr. Channing.

"Oh, that is a great mistake. I am sure lots of Americans would pay any sum to live in the cabin occupied by me." That is what the Kaiser is reported to have rejoined to the captain of the *König Albert* before changing his quarters from the liner to the *Hohenzollern* on reaching Naples the other day. The Kaiser had asked the captain whether the state cabin would remain in the same state as when he had occupied them, and the reply was in the negative. But, as the Emperor remarked, that was a great mistake.

Scientific knowledge of plague dates from the year 1894, when the famous Japanese bacteriologist Kitasato discovered what is now known as the *bacillus pestis*. The production of an anti-toxin followed, and is already proved to be of great preventive value. Dr. Kitasato has added other achievement to this. He was the first to isolate the bacillus of lockjaw, or tetanus; and, together with von Behring, he produced the diphtheria anti-toxin which has since saved many thousands of lives. He is the most distinguished scientist that Japan has yet produced.

The report that the Tsar intended to proceed to the front is declared untrue by the S. Petersburg correspondent of the *Echo de Paris*. He ought to be in a position to know, seeing that French journalists in the Russian capital have lately shown themselves to be in the swim. One advantage at least which France, or its Press, derives from the Russian alliance. Instead of setting out for Mukden, Nicholas II. is going to Moscow for the Holy Week to pray for the success of his arms in the Far East. Possibly General Kuropatkin may think that his Imperial master will help him more in this way than by sharing his headquarters at the front in a railway saloon carriage.

We take the following from the *Shanghai Times* (in which paper, by the way, we are glad to see a great improvement since it last changed hands):—Of late a number of sensational war despatches have appeared in a *Hearst* paper in New York credited to "Douglas Story, Special Commissioner of the *New York American* in the Far East." A well-known war correspondent who is at present in Shanghai, told a *Times* man yesterday that these despatches are fakes pure and simple and that at the time one was supposed to have been sent Douglas Story was on a steamer en route for Japan. The innermost working of the thing is this. Douglas Story represents the *Daily Express*, and that paper has an arrangement whereby it exchanges despatches with the *Hearst* paper. The latter takes Story's despatches, rewrite and elaborate them, and then publish them as the work of their special commissioner. In this way the reputation of a man which has taken many years in the building is being destroyed. Douglas Story is said is taking action against the offending paper.

The following from the *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin) of the 15th March may be read with some amusement:—Yesterday the end had come for Russia in the Eastern seas. Port Arthur had fallen. The news was confirmed in every British centre on the Chinese coast, from Wei-hai-wei right down to Shanghai, and we dare say also to Hongkong. It happens, however, as we now know, that the news was untrue. The fact is that the Japanese have now tried four times to force their way into Port Arthur, and that four times they have failed. They have boasted that they are mistress of the Yellow and Japan Seas, according to a telegram from Tokyo. No doubt they are—for the time being. But they are mistress of neither Port Arthur nor Vladivostock. While the Russians hold these two bases they have the game in their own hands. Amateur strategists imagine that it is a terrible humiliation to Russia to have to keep her fleet in these harbours while the Japanese vessels ride the seas; but what advantage would it be to the Russian fleet to come out unless they could defeat the Japanese, which, of course, they cannot do in their present strength. The fact is that the Russian admirals are showing the very highest kind of courage, these days—that is to say, they are showing the capacity of being able to wait and to have patience.

Two more fatal Chinese plague cases were reported yesterday, one in Kowloon City and the other in First Street, Victoria. One of the previous cases has now been traced to Canton, the victim being a recent arrival.

Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge was the inspirer of *Deeds that Won the Empire*. When in command of the Australian naval station, he happened to be sitting one evening at dinner in Melbourne next to the Rev. W. H. Fitzell. The Admiral remarked that the youth of Australia were growing up without any adequate knowledge of the great naval and military events that had made the British Empire. The idea sank into Dr. Fitchett's mind, and he shortly afterwards started his series of *Deeds* in the Saturday issue of a Melbourne paper.

The Chinese Government, in return for its sanction to the emigration of Chinese coolies and labourers to South Africa, is demanding from His Majesty's Government, says the Central News, that all regulations forbidding the landing of Chinese in Vancouver and on the Pacific seaboard of the British dominions shall be withdrawn. This stipulation will affect not only British Columbians, but the people of the United States, who will, it is believed, make formal protest against the facilities which Chinaman will have, providing the regulations in Vancouver are withdrawn, for overrunning the Western States of America.

The *Courrier d'Hainpon* of the 7th inst. says:—"Let us, who are neighbours of China, and threatened with the contamination of disorder, be prepared against every eventuality. Enough of dissensions, and of false confidences. In Asia, in Europe, all is in suspense. We flatter ourselves that the war will be localised. That is all very well. But it is only few weeks ago that everyone was positive there would be no war at all. Now that the dogs of war are irrevocably unchained, again I say, let us be prepared against the unknown future." That "everyone was positive there would be no war" is rather a curious statement. But perhaps M. Hanotaux refers only to France, which was invaded by Russian tales of certain Peace.

WAR NOTES.

RUSSIA THREATENS A BOYCOTT.

The agents of British and American firms at S. Petersburg have been notified by customers that if the tone of the Press in their respective countries continues to be ill-disposed towards Russia, they will no longer be able to count upon their orders. In this connection it may be noted that S. Petersburg buys enormous quantities of wool and metal goods from Great Britain, and takes a great quantity of raw cotton from America. Some factories have already ceased ordering from British and American firms, deeming that they will be able to do just as well in Germany and Persia.

A NOTE OF ALARM.

M. Gabriel Hanotaux, in the *Paris Journal*, takes an alarming view of the situation in the Far East. The ex-Foreign Minister says:—"Let us, who are neighbours of China, and threatened with the contamination of disorder, be prepared against every eventuality. Enough of dissensions, and of false confidences. In Asia, in Europe, all is in suspense. We flatter ourselves that the war will be localised. That is all very well. But it is only few weeks ago that everyone was positive there would be no war at all. Now that the dogs of war are irrevocably unchained, again I say, let us be prepared against the unknown future." That "everyone was positive there would be no war" is rather a curious statement. But perhaps M. Hanotaux refers only to France, which was invaded by Russian tales of certain Peace.

PREPARING FOR ANOTHER ATTACK.

An arrival at Hongkong from Japan reports that on the 23rd inst. 16 transports and several towed barges of ammunition passed through Moji Harbour. There was a rumour that another attack was to be made on Port Arthur on the night of the 28th—that, of course, being last night.

WRECKS IN THE CHINA SEA.

DEBRIS IN THE TRACK OF SHIPPING. The China Navigation steamer *Kashin*, agents Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, arrived from the North yesterday, after a never-ending voyage. She left Tientsin on the 19th inst. and Chefoo on the 21st inst. After leaving Chefoo on the voyage to Hongkong very pleasant weather set in. Capt. Brown reports that when Kupchi Point bore N. 23 E., six miles, he passed a large spar floating carelessly, evidently attached to a submerged vessel. Such a derelict, of course, is extremely dangerous, and if a warship or other craft is not sent to destroy it there is known to be no ship which will fall foul of it on a dark night. Not necessarily between sunset and sunrise either, for foggy weather has been experienced off the Chinese coast, and, considering that the South-west monsoon is about to set in, this state of atmosphere may very likely continue. The *Kashin* experienced dense fog from S. E. Promontory to Turnabout, thence to port fine with strong N.E. wind. The weather taken all round is very variable.

THE "LEASYOCH."

The China Mutual ss. *Ping Suey*, Capt. E. Warrall, arrived from Tacoma yesterday. She left Moji on the 23rd April. While steaming between Il. Sima and Turnabout, abreast of Goto Island, a waterlogged junk was sighted. She was of the usual Japanese build, with a high stern. Capt. Warrall steamed close alongside to see if there was anyone to be rescued. No life, however, was to be seen. The derelict, floating at the mercy of the tide, was evidently on her way to be battered to pieces against rocks, or perhaps waiting to send some good ship to destruction. Capt. Warrall, interviewed by a representative of the *Daily Press*, said she was without a doubt the *Leasyoch*, from which the Austrian Lloyd ss. *E. Franz Ferdinand* had picked up three men and a woman. A strip of canvas weather-cloth was fast to the stern, under shelter of which, no doubt, the poor people had shielded themselves from wind and rain during the several days of terrible privation.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINES.

LONDON, 26th April. A telegram from General Kuropatkin says that the Japanese, the last few days, have been actively preparing to bridge the Yalu and to effect a passage at various points near Wiju. Two companies of infantry and a small detachment of cavalry have actually crossed fifty kilometres below Sianponskia [?], upon which the Russian outposts were strengthened.

LONDON, 26th April.

A telegram from Port Arthur to S. Petersburg says that experiments with submarine boats have been a brilliant success. This is the first intimation that submarines were at Port Arthur, although it was reported weeks ago that the late Admiral Makarov had requested some to be sent by rail.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

LONDON, 26th April. The King and Queen landed at Kingstown in torrents of rain, but met with a most enthusiastic welcome.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 26th April. The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Henry May.

[The late Admiral W.H. May was born in 1829 and entered the Navy in 1843. He served on the Arctic Expedition in 1875-76, became Captain in 1887; annexed Christmas Island, 1888; Flag-Captain on Chinna Station, 1888-90; Naval Attaché for Europe, 1893-95; Chief of the Staff in the Mediterranean, 1895-96, and for the Jubilee Review in 1897, when he was also in command of the Naval Contingent in London; Controller of the Navy and Director of Naval Ordnance and Torpedoes since 1901. He had the Arctic Medal and the Victorian Order of the Fourth Class.—ED. D.P.]

THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY.

LONDON, 26th April. A Labour Ministry has been formed in Australia, the Attorney-General being the only non-Labourite member.

NAVAL NOTES.

H.M.S. "VENGEANCE." The battleship *Vengeance* returned to port yesterday.

SEVERAL DEPARTURES.

The battleships *Albion*, *Glory* and *Ocean*, and the cruisers *Amphitrite* and *Sirius* left yesterday for Mira Bay. It is understood that they proceed North on the 9th prox. after completing certain firing exercises.

MENU.
Hors D'Œuvres
Anchovy on Toast
SOUP.
Turtle.
FISH.
Baked Fish and Mushroom Sauce.
ENTREES.
Snipe on Toast and Water Cress
Grilled Kidney and Mashed Potatoes
Chicken au Gratin with Salad.
JOINTS.
Roast Saddle of Mutton
Cold Ham.
CURRY.
Crab.
SALAD.
A la Germain

CORRESPONDENCE.

BAND PERFORMANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 27th April.

Sir.—I am not at all surprised, or troubled, that "Semibreve" after "some pains" has failed to discover the point of my arguments. He convicts himself out of his own mouth of that lack of "ordinary intelligence" which his first letter led me to expect of him! I have no curiosity as to the sum he disburses on taxes generally, but I was curious to know what he considered a *handsome sum* "to discharge" for the Military Grant per se, and I am forced to the conclusion that he does not know the amount himself and that the above quoted expression must be accepted as more claptrap, like the rest of his letters! I note, with amusement, that my "pointless arguments" have pricked his bubble-like idea of taxation so that what he first stated as a *handsome sum* has now shrunk to a little mite, yet for a fractional portion of this "mite" he arrogates to himself the right to expect the free enjoyment of Military Bands where and when it suits him, Poor "Semibreve"!

I am sure no one wishes to prevent "Semibreve" or any other tax-payer from expressing his views, but he must expect to be laughed at when he talks nonsense. We have your authority, Mr. Editor, for believing that "Semibreve" did express himself without "fear or favour" so much so that you had to tell him that "abuse was no argument."

On one point I quite agree with "Semibreve." The objects on which the military grant is expended have nothing to do with the case; in introducing them into his letter is quite in keeping with his other attempts to bolster up the hysterical squabbling with which he started this correspondence and the point of which he (and not I) appears to have lost sight of.

I fully recognise that "Semibreve" has done his little best to substantiate his imaginary rights, and I submit that nothing in my letters can be perverted into accusing him of wishing to study the "petty grievances" of the "Gold-Laced Officers." Nothing is further from my thoughts than to imagine that he has the slightest knowledge of either the one or the other.—I am, Sir, &c.

GOLD LACE.

[With reference to the second paragraph above, we must, in justice to "Semibreve," state that our remark about abuse not being argument was not addressed only to him.—ED. D.P.]

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 28th April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A KIND-HEARTED SOLICITOR.

An Indian watchman, employed at the King Edward Hotel, was charged with assaulting the Hotel lift-boy. Mr. Stephens, solicitor, said that he appeared on behalf of the boy, who he desired to see compensated, but he was not receiving a fee.

After Mr. Ole Martin Anderson, who is in charge of Queen's and Prince's Buildings, and others had given evidence, Mr. Stephens asked His Worship to punish the man severely, for the boy had received a nasty hit on the ear. The drum of his ear, in fact, or some internal bones, might be broken. If the boy could get adequate compensation it might save a civil action, but it was not yet possible to know the extent of the injury. The boy was a very good, mild, quiet boy, who left his ride to take a gentleman upstairs. He was not the sort of boy to make a noise as the Indian had stated.

Mr. Gompertz, in spite of defendant saying otherwise, thought defendant had hit the boy with a stick, but he also thought the boy had been making a noise. As Mr. Ole Martin Anderson said the boy could hear all right he would only fine defendant \$12 and order him to give complainant \$2 for sticking plaster.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE):

A BLIND MAN'S WIFE.

A blind Chinaman appeared as complainant against a man who had harboured his wife. The culprit was sentenced to pay \$100 or go to gaol for three months.

COMPOSITION APPROVED.

In the same case, Mr. O. D. Thompson, solicitor, applied for his Lordship's approval of a proposal by the bankrupt, R. A. Collins, to pay \$50 a month until all the debts were paid. The scheme had been accepted by a majority of the creditors representing more than three-quarters of the amount of the debtor's liabilities.

His Lordship granted the petition.

Addressing Mr. Bruce Shepherd, the Official Receiver,

His Lordship said—I gather that you did not approve of Mr. Looker's application?

Mr. Bruce Shepherd—No, your Lordship. He wanted to argue the principle although the act of issuing execution had not been done.

The Court adjourned.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

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By Order,

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 15th April, 1904. [1101]

REMOVAL.

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W. S. JACKSON,

Secretary.

Shanghai, 22nd April, 1904. [1122]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

DR. M. H. CHAUN,

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904. [1032]

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NOTICE.

FROM This Date, and during the Absence of Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

E. GOETZ,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [892]

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THE 12TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HEAD OFFICE of the Company, No. 29, The Bund, Shanghai, on SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 1904, at 11 o'clock A.M., when the report and accounts for the year ended 29th February, 1904, will be presented.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 30th APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order,

E. R. PALMER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1904. [1045]

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REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [199]

PHEONIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [129]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COM-
PANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.
INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security 262,719
Total Losses Paid 26,769,240

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [419]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE. Prospects will be given on application.

TUMNER & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [267]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902,
£16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL 687,500 0 0
II. FUND FUNDS 2,687,215 11 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [188]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF
TORONTO AND LONDON.
INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above are prepared to
accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1121]

2 DAYS ONLY.

THE fees for the "UP-TO-DATE
SHORTHAND" will be increased.

As the last day of April is on an early
closing day, and Sunday is the 1st of May, the
payment of \$30 to completion for the full course
of 21 lessons may be made not later than Mon-
day next. If you enrol before that date you
may take your lessons at your leisure—in a
month, or 6 months.

The dull pupil pays no more than the bright
one. Pupils must be perfect in the 1st lesson
before we supply a second.

It may be learned quite as well by post as
attending the Studios at Hongkong or Canton.

It is not a school or a class; you come for ten
minutes, take your lesson, and return smiling
for the next. It is so easy you laugh at its
simplicity. Those who say "It's no good," ask
them their authority. Those who say "It's a
fraud," ask for proof. Bring such sceptics to
me, please.

Business Training Studios, Hongkong
(near G.P.O.)

Canton—144, Shamian.

WAEWICK PEEBLE, Principal.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1904. [590-661]

SIENTING.

SURGEON DENTIST.

NO. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903. [95]

QUAN WAH & CO.*

GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS.

Dealers in

MARBLE and GRANITE

MONUMENTS

No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application.

All descriptions of Granite for Export.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1899. [10]

THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 1904.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

WEATHER CYCLES—HARDENED ALUMINUM—
TRACING A SHIP'S PATH—A FURNACE
MICROSCOPE—AN IRISH MYSTERY—AN
ALLEGED NEW RADIO-ACTIVE SUBSTANCE
—THE PULSE REGISTER—COUNTING BY
ANIMALS.

The most obvious changes on the sun are
those marked by spots, and it has been long
understood that the cycle of eleven years in
which these spots occur corresponds to a similar
cycle in rainfall on the earth. More recent
study of solar influence, says Lockyer, shows
that it is the prominences instead of the spots
that are chiefly associated with atmospheric and
magnetic disturbances on the earth. The
prominent cycle of 37 years is especially
conspicuous in the meteorology of India while
a third cycle—35 years in length—has been
traced recently in the climates of the whole
earth, each 11 year cycle being different from
that immediately preceding and that following.

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affected by weak acids, the atmosphere or sea
water, it can be cast like iron, and has 8 per cent.
greater tensile strength than cast iron; and it
can be recast indefinitely. It can be rolled cold
nearly as conductive as copper, retains a high
polish, and can be plated.

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mounted on the object stand, and yields
temperatures up to 1,200 degrees C. In use the
lens is separated from the heated object by
about one inch. Even at the highest tempera-
tures of the substance under examination, how-
ever, both microscope and objective are kept
quite cool by a special tube carrying ice-cold
water.

Lough Neagh, covering 150 square miles in
northern Ireland, has twice shown a remarkable
phenomenon, as reported by Mr. W. S. Smith
of Antrim. On February 22nd, 1895, most of
the ice in the lake broke up, leaving intact a
strip a third of a mile wide along the southern
shore, and a mile of this strip was raised at in-
tervals of a few yards into bridges or tunnels,
from which large and small masses of ice were
projected upon shore, forming a ridge 2 to 14
feet high. An aged woman recalled a similar
occurrence of the cold winter of 1814-15.
Where the ice—mixed with boulders—came
from, and what shot the blocks upon shore, are
problems awaiting solution.

Radium's rays are of three kinds—Delta rays,
hardly penetrating solids at all; Beta rays,
moderately absorbed by solids and powerfully
deflected by the magnet; and Gamma rays,
difficult of absorption and not to be deflected.
Radio-tellurium, the very active new substance
that Prof. Markwald of Berlin has found in
exceedingly minute quantity in pitch-blende,
gives off only Alpha rays. These were stopped
by a sheet of paper, but they passed through a
very thin sheet of aluminium, and they showed
in high degree the power of making air a good
conductor of electricity. An electrolytic precipi-
tation of some hundred-thousandths of a
gramme of the new substance was placed on a
copper-plate. With this Prof. Markwald
stopped a set of electric chimes, caused a Leyden
jar to discharge through the air without sparks,
and rang an electric bell by a current passed
through the air from a condensing machine to
the copper-plate. A sheet of paper between the
plate and the machine interrupted the current
and stopped the bell.

Watching the pulse adds seriously to the
strain upon the surgeon during an opera-
tion under chloroform, cocaine or ether. This
is done automatically by the new "pulse
register" of Dr. Gartner, of Vienna, which
consists of a watch-like box to be attached to
the patient's forearm, the hands upon a graduated
dial being made by an elastic spring to register
very precisely the pulse and blood pressure
vibrations. The indications are much more
sensitive than the physician's finger.

Evidence that animals can count has been
collected by Signor Mancini. Horses in the
collieries at Hoineult have a regular number
of daily trips, and invariably seek their stables
after the thirteenth. A dog remembered the
twenty-sixth buried bone a short time after
digging up twenty-five. Birds count their
eggs, magpies count only to four. The latter is

A CHAMPION OF WESTERN CIVILISATION!

Russia's suitability to pose as a champion of
Western civilisation and its pioneer in the Far
East has with the greatest reason been ques-
tioned of late. As a matter of fact, if there is
a more generally ignorant and grossly superstitious
country in the world, apart from merely
savage races, it would be hard to find. Superstition
of the most childish and ridiculous kind is now
rife, in connection with the war against Japan.
We read that an enormous trade is being done in Moscow in the sale of religious
charms and amulets for the protection of
soldiers at the front. At the fair at Sukhareff Tower, held on Sundays, some of the peddlars dealing in these
wares are, curiously enough, Mohammedan Tartars, who loudly puff charms "against the unbelieving Japanese." Soldiers buy leather
chains which "protect the wearer as long as they remain unbroken." Most of the purchasers
are relatives or friends of men at the front.
Brass lockets with saints enameled on the backs,
and a cavity for hair or photographs, declared
by the vendors to have been specially blessed,
find ready sale. Wooden crosses are in demand
as, according to the popular superstition, every
dead soldier found with a crucifix on his body
must be given Christian burial. Bottles of
"water from the Jordan" are being sold in
enormous numbers at 25 kopecks each; and
persons who cannot afford this are allowed to
dig gifts of their own into a bowl of the water
for five kopecks. A church near the Monastery
of the Passion which has a large font of this
water, has been invaded by a mob, who
carried the water away in beer-bottles. The
weekly mob at the Sukhareff Tower apparently
had that everything Japanese is impious, for
they attacked and tore down the stall of a vendor
who was selling Japanese fans. The dealer
protested in vain that they were made in
England.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 April 27, GAFA, Norwegian str., 625, H. Dahl, Saigon 23rd April, Rice and Flour.—CHINEN.
 April 28, ARAGONIA, German str., 3,531, Schmidt, Hamburg and Singapore 22nd April, General—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
 April 28, CHOWWA, German str., 1,055, J. Kohler, Bangkok 23rd April, Rice and General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 April 28, DAPHNE, German str., 2,200, H. N. Björne, Penarth 11th March, Coals—ORDEN.
 April 28, GLENNOGLE, British str., 2,399, W. T. Larkins, Singapore 23rd April, General—MCGREGOR Bros. & Gow.
 April 28, HOIIAO, French steamer, 503, Coote, Haiphong and Hoihow 27th April, General—A. E. MARTY.
 April 28, HUNAN, British str., 1,143, W. Fraser, Wuhs and Chinkiang 22nd April, Rice—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 April 28, KASHING, British str., 1,143, W. B. Brown, Tientsin and Chefoo 21st April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 April 28, KUOKIANG, British str., 1,223, Bright, Chinkiang 23rd April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 April 21, M. STEUVE, German str., 966, I. Brandt, Tamsui 24th April, Amoy 26th and Swatow 27th, General—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.
 April 28, ROSELEY, British str., 2,832, D. M. Robertson, Moji 22nd April, Coals—BRADLEY & CO.
 April 28, VENGEANCE, British battleship, from Mrs Bay.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 28th April.
 Lord Ormonde, British str., for Pondicherry.
 Nithadate, British str., for Kobo.
 Rajaburi, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

27th April.
 PALAWAN, British str., for London.
 28th April.
 ALBION, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 AMPHITRITE, British cruiser, for Mrs Bay.
 CENTURION, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 GLORY, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 OCEAN, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 SIRIUS, British cruiser, for Mrs Bay.
 ANGHLIN, British str., for Swatow.
 CHINA, German str., for Saigon.
 CHOYBANO, British str., for Canton.
 PUNTA, British str., for Amoy.
 SHANTUNG, British str., for Saigon.
 STORE NORDISKE, Danish str., for a cruise.
 THALAS, British str., for Coast Ports.
 TINGSAK, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

27th April.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—H. I. G. M. S. Moore,
 KOWLOON DOCKS—H. I. G. M. S. Moore,
 ADMATOR, Haitian Seward, Apennale, Taiping,
 Honan, Amaro, U.S.S. Monterey, H.M.S.
 Moorhen.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES
 PAQUEBOT—POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
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 COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
 CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN,
 DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,
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 AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
 LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 3rd May, 1904,
 at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship
 "ANNAM," Captain R. Girard, with
 Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave
 this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.
 This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the
 Australian line s.s. "Nera," bound for
 MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London
 as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal
 places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon
 only on Monday, the 2nd May. Specie and
 Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day.
 No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they
 must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents
 and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Com-
 pany's Office.

6. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1904. [2]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP
 (VIA SUEZ CANAL).

THE Steamship

"BENALDER."

Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above
 on or about the 7th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1904. [1021]

**STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK
 VIA SUEZ CANAL**
 (With liberty to call at Philippine Ports)

THE Steamship

"BREIZ HUEL."

will be despatched as above on or about the
 12th May.

For Freight & further information, apply to
 STANDARD OIL COMPANY
 OF NEW YORK,
 Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [1128]

**AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP
 COMPANY.**

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"RAS ISSA,"

will be despatched for the above ports on
 THURSDAY, the 26th May.

For Freight, apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1904. [1098]

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
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**STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUS-
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 MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,**

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Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His
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 MAY, at NOON, taking passengers and
 cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and
 Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
 transshipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
 ing direct to Marseilles and London; other
 cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via
 Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until
 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and
 value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
 the terms and conditions of the Company's
 Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to
 E. A. HEWETT,
 Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1904. [1]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BRIT. str.	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. CO.	7th May, at Noon.	
LONDON & ANTWERP (VIA SUEZ CANAL)	BRIT. str.	McIntosh	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 7th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRIT. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	10th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BRIT. str.	B. H. W. Snow	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 11th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRIT. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	24th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRIT. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	7th June.	
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BRIT. str.	Frenstr.	MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES	3rd May, at 1 P.M.	
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	BRIT. str.	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & CO.	25th May, at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Gronmeyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	12th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Stern	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	31st May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	14th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	28th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Ducalion	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	20th May.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	BRIT. str.	Shimosa	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	14th June.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	BRIT. str.	Breiz Huel	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 10th May.	
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	BRIT. str.	Standard Oil Co.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 12th May.	
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	BRIT. str.	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	26th May.	
E. OF JAPAN	BRIT. str.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	11th May.	
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAKI, &c.	BRIT. str.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	21st May.	
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	BRIT. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	17th May.	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	BRIT. str.	Shawmut	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	21st May.	
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI AND KOBE	BRIT. str.	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	9th May.	
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BRIT. str.	Holme	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	11th May, Noon.	
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 2nd May.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BRIT. str.	Changsha	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	11th May.	
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	Taiwan	MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES	2nd May.	
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	Simla	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 2nd May.	
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	BRIT. str.	Ishima	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	About 8th May.	
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	BRIT. str.	Triptar	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	2nd May.	
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	BRIT. str.	Trifiof	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	2nd May.	
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	BRIT. str.	Tritos	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	2nd May.	
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	BRIT. str.	H. Kraft	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	2nd May.	
SWATOW & TIENTSIN	BRIT. str.	Gibson	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	To-morrow, 4 P.M.	
MANILA	BRIT. str.	Rubi	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	7th May.	
MANILA	BRIT. str.	Zafiro	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-day.	
MANILA	BRIT. str.	Empire	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 3rd May.	
CEBU & ILCOLO	BRIT. str.	Wuchang	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	7th May, 10 A.M.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	BRIT. str.	A. Stewart	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	3rd May, 3 P.M.	

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 1st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	On 7th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAT"	On 13th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 15th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 21st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YAN TSZE"	On 28th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOME"	On 3rd June.

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 10th May.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 20th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 24th May.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 7th June.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"DEUCALION"	On 14th June.

* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CALCHAS"	On 17th May.

For Freight, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.**

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**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU and ILOILO	* "WUCHANG"	On 29th April, Noon.
MANILA	* "SUNGKUANG"	On 29th April.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	* "ICHANG"	On 30th April.
SHANGHAI	* "TAIWAN"	On 2nd May.
SWATOW and TIENSIN	* "CHIHILI"	On 7th May.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE,	* "TSINAN"	On 9th May.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	* "CHANGSHA"	On 11th May.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.**

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1904.

FOR CANTON.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.	
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL	WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG	1904.
"SHIMOSA"	Aboard 10th May.
"SATSUMA"	31st May.
For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD.	
Agents.	

Hongkong, 29th April, 1904.

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HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI".

Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.

2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return Ticket including Cabin and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$3 extra will be charged for each Cabin which has no accommodation for two or more Passengers. Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3 hours to reach Macao.

MING ON & CO.

2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.

J. TREVOUX & CO.
HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY
SERVICE.

THE Commissary Steamer
"PAUL BEAU".

Captain Frangoul leaves Hongkong for Canton at 9 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking passengers and cargo as usual.

The S.S. "CHARLES HARDOUIN". Captain Noel leaves Hongkong on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at the usual hour.

These two magnificent and up-to-date steamers are lighted with Electricity. The Saloon is under European Supervision.

First Class European ... \$8.00

Second Class European ... \$5.00

First Class Chinese ... \$1.50

Second Class Chinese ... 80

Deck ... 30

The Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen Street, Frays West.

For further particulars, apply to J. LANDOLT, Agent.

The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1904.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during the stay in Hongkong Harbour.

LYNCHBURG, British 4-m. barque, Parnell-Standard Oil Co.

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All proofs are read and all work superintended by Englishmen. Always equal and generally superior to that done anywhere else. Estimates given

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1904.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED,
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PROMETHEUS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904. [10-11]

PORLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAVELLI"
FROM PORLAND (OR.), YOKOHAMA,
KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

ALLEN CAMERON,
General Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904. [14]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENMOHR,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 3rd inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1904. [1096]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN,
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BAYER."

OF THE NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY, the 27th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 3rd May, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 8th May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904. [10-11]

PORLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAVELLI"

FROM PORLAND (OR.), YOKOHAMA,
KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalyi and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
The *Ernest Simon*, with the French mail of 1st April, left Singapore on Monday, the 26th inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd May. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 27th February.
The *Coptic*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 22nd inst., via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd prox.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		Hankow
Bangkok		Friday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Cuba and Iloilo		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, and Rangoon		Friday, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Friday, 1.00 P.M.
Manila		Friday, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai		Friday, 2.00 P.M.
Hoihiong and Pakhoi		Friday, 4.00 P.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihiong and Haiphong		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmien, Kunming and Shamshui		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Sanho		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Macao		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Canton		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Manila		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Tientsin		Saturday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO.	(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Printed Matter and Samples—10.00 A.M.
Siberia		Registration—10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Hailoong		Letters—11.00 A.M.
Ichang		Saturday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Aragona		Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
M. Struve		Sunday, 1st May, 9.00 A.M.
Taiwan		Monday, 2 May, 3.00 P.M.
Catherine Appear.		Tuesday, 3 May, 2.00 P.M.
Borneo		Thursday, 5 May, 8.00 A.M.
Zafiro		Saturday, 7 May, 9.00 A.M.
Chiki		Saturday, 7 May, 3.00 P.M.
Thianan		Monday, 9 May, 3.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Household Furniture, 3, Cameron Villas, Peak, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11.30 a.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 12, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, &c, 2, Hollywood Road, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 6, Morrison Hill, Mr. G. P. Lammert, 2.45 p.m.
Organ Recital by Mr. A. G. Ward, St. John's Cathedral, 5.15 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, steam-launch *Bertha*, Douglas Wharf, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, noon.
Sale, Stamps, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 116, Queen's Road East, Mr. G. P. Lammert, 2.45 p.m.
Half-yearly General Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, City Hall, 4 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

28th April.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1.97
	Bank Bills, on demand	1.97
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.97
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.97
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.97
	Documentary Bills, 6 months' sight	1.97
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.24
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.24
ON GERMANY.—	C. demand	1.83
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	43
	10 days, 2% day's sight	44
ON HAMBURG.—	Telegraphic Transfer	133
	Bank on demand	133
ON CA. CUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	133
	Bank on demand	133
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	72
	10 days, 30 days' sight	73
ON YOKOHAMA.—	Bank on demand	88
	C. demand	Nominal.
ON SINGAPORE.—	Bank on demand	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	107
ON HAI HONG.—	On demand	23 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	23 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	63
SOVEREIGN BANK'S Buying Rate	... \$11.10	
GOLD LEAP, 100 fine per tael	... 58.90	
BARS SILVER, 100 fine per tael	... 25	

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Ernest Simon* left Singapore on the 25th inst. at 5 p.m. for this port via Saigon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Namceang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

The Indo-China steamer *Suzing* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 23rd inst., and is expected here on the 10th prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, from San Francisco, left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, &c., on the 22nd inst.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 15th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Imperial German steamer *Oldenland* left Aden on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, the 25th inst., and left again at 3 a.m. on Tuesday for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Friday, the 29th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., 6 a.m., and is due here on the 3rd prox., 6 a.m.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shamoun* arrived at Yokohama on the 22nd inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Fingay* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

The P. & A. steamer *Indayura* left Portland for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 11th prox.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 28th April.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Hongkong & Shai...	125	\$6571, sellers London £44.
Nati. Bank of China	28	436, sales & buy.
B. Shares	28	336, sales & buy.
Four. Shares	21	310.
Boil. Arbitrators E. A...	22	55, sellers
Canton-Hongkong Ice	10	110, nominal
Campbell, Morris & Co.	10	37, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	12	\$12, buyers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd. ...	10	55.
China Prov. L. & M.	10	50, sales
China Sugar	100	514.0.
Cigar Companies—		
Alabamian, Ltd.	500	\$200.
Philippine Co., Ltd.	10	10, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Evo. International	15	Th. 33, sellers
Laou Kung Mow	15	Th. 25.
Sochay	100	Th. 32.
Hongkong	10	Th. 170.
Dairy Farm	25	113, sellers
Fenwick & Co., Geo...	25	147, sellers
Green Island Cement	10	322, sales
Hongkong & C. Gas...	20	140, buyers
Hongkong Electric	10	113, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways...	100	57, buyers
H. K. Steam Water...	10	115, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	50	\$136, buyers
Hongkong Ice	25	120, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G...	100	100, buyers
Hongkong Kops...	10	140, sellers
H. & W. Dock...	50	121, buyers
Insurance—		
Cantell...	50	185, buyers
China Fire	80	883, sales
China Trades...	25	160, sales
Hongkong Fire	50	125, sales
North China Union	20	Th. 67, sellers
Yangtze...	100	135, buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	150, buyers
Humphreys E. {	10	102, buyers
Kowloon Land & B...	25	252, buyers
West Point Building	50	162, buyers
Shanghai Land...	100	105, buyers
Luzon Sugar	100	10, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages...	Fca. 250	500.
Punjum...	10	75 tons, sellers
Do. Preference...	1	25 cts.
Rauhs...	18/10	60, sellers
New Amoy Dock...	60	132, sellers
Powell, Ltd...	10	92, buyers
Steamship Cos.—		
China and Manila	50	211, sellers
Boat's Steamship	50	134, sellers
H. Canton and M...	16	129, sales
Indo-China S. N...	10	105, sellers
Sino-Transport and Trading Co. {	1	22s. 6d.
Do. Preference...	1	18s.
Star Ferry...	10	32, buyers
S.C.E. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	100	146, buyers
S. & H. Dyeing & Co., Co. {	50	50.
Tehran Planting Co...	5	1, sellers
United Asbestos...	4	94, buyers
Watkins Ld...	10	210, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S...	10	17, buyers
VEENON & SMYTH, Brokers		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 20th April to the 5th May.

Day	Mean Tide	Hongkong Mean Tide	Height	
			Hongkong	Mean Tide
Fri. 29	m. 8.37	m. 8.3	m. 21	1
Sat. 30	m. 9.11	m. 8.8	m. 25	2
Sun. 1	m. 10.21	m. 6.6	m. 34 1/2	1
Mon. 2	m. 10.14	m. 6.9	m. 34 1/2	2
Tues. 3	m. 11.65	m. 6.9	m. 5 5	0
Wed. 4	m. 10.44	m. 6.9	m. 4 16	1
Thurs. 5	m. 9.50	m. 6.7	m. 4 41	3
Fri. 6	m. 11.12	m. 6.7	m. 6 38	1
Sat. 7	m. 1.51	m. 3	m. 5 15	3
Sun. 8	m. 11.42	m. 6.4	m. 7 39	1

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	

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